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## Iran says latest hijack foiled

NICOSIA (AP) — New security measures foiled the latest attempt to hijack an Iran Air jetliner Wednesday while on a domestic flight and force it to fly to Iraq, the official Iranian news agency, IRNA, reported. Had the hijack been successful it would have been the fourth seizure of an Iran Air passenger jet in the past six weeks and the second in five days. The pilot of the plane was forced to change route "but security measures taken inside the plane foiled the hijacking plot," added IRNA, monitored here. "A report reaching Tehran indicated that the hijackers, said to be four, were arrested following a clash at the Isfahan airport in central Iran, where the plane landed on its way to Tehran," IRNA reported. It did not give any other details except that the hijack attempt developed while the passenger plane was on a domestic flight from the southern Iranian city of Shiraz to Tehran.

## Red Sea minehunt to end soon

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's Defence Minister Field Marshal Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala informed a cabinet meeting in Cairo Wednesday that the current search for mines in the Red Sea will end in the second half of September, Minister of Information Safwat Al Sherif told reporters. A comprehensive statement on the results of the search will be released next week, the defence minister was quoted as saying. At least 18 ships have been reported damaged in the Gulf of Suez and the Red Sea since mysterious explosions began there July 9, and British, American, French and Italian minehunters have been cooperating with the Egyptian navy in a search for the source of the blasts. There have been no further explosions since the Cypriot cargo vessel, the 11,675 ton Theopolis, was hit in the southern part of the Red Sea and officials connected with the search have expressed doubts that there are any active mines remaining.

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## Radio Jordan to change FM frequency

AMMAN (Petra) — An official source at Radio Jordan Wednesday announced that radio transmission on the FM band in the Aqaba region, currently on 99 megahertz, will be changed to a new frequency. The International Telecommunications Union (ITU) is preparing a new plan for reassigning transmission frequencies in the FM band which is expected to be ready by the end of 1984, the source said. Five years ago, the source added, Radio Jordan had started implementing a radio network for the FM band. Transmitters have actually been built in Amman, Aqaba and Ajlun operating on various frequencies to cover all of the Kingdom. The new frequencies will be announced in accordance with the plan set by the ITU and adopted by its member countries, the source said.

## Jordan expatriates to meet in 1985

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Council of Ministers has decided to set up a ministerial committee to prepare for the first conference of Jordanian expatriates to be held in Jordan in the summer of 1985, it was announced Wednesday. A statement released by the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said the decision came after a meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by Prime Minister Ahmad Obaidat on Wednesday. No further details were immediately available on the planned conference.

## Contract signed for SOS village

AMMAN (J.T.) — A local joint venture will build an SOS children's village near Amman to house and care for nearly 100 orphans and deprived children in a home-like atmosphere, in accordance with an agreement signed here Wednesday. The joint venture will be building the village at Tabarbour on a piece of land donated by the Armed Forces for the International SOS Children Villages. Her Majesty Queen Noor is chairperson of the Jordanian SOS Children's Village Organisation which is concerned with providing care for orphans in an atmosphere that would help them grow up and adapt to their society.

## Arab police chiefs to meet Oct. 16

TUNIS (Petra) — Preparations have been made by the Arab League Interior Ministers' Council to hold their first meeting of Arab police chiefs in Tunis on Oct. 16, according to an Arab League spokesman Wednesday. He said that the police chiefs will discuss in their three-day meeting a number of issues pertaining to security and planning a pan-Arab security strategy.

## Israeli colonel dies after attack

TEL AVIV (R) — An Israeli colonel died of his wounds Wednesday, two days after his vehicle was blown up by a mine near the Syrian front line in east Lebanon, the army announced.

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## 'Jordan, Soviet Union discussing arms'

# Sharaf: Peace talks contingent on total Israeli withdrawal

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordan will not enter any peace negotiations with Israel until and unless the Jewish state guarantees the return of all Arab territories occupied since 1967 and halts all its colonisation policies, Information Minister Laila Sharaf said Wednesday.

"Jordan has offered total peace in exchange of total Israeli withdrawal and will not accept anything less than that," Mrs. Sharaf said in reply to a question during an interview broadcast on the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Arabic service.

Mrs. Sharaf's statement came amidst intensified efforts in Israel to form a new coalition between the outgoing Likud bloc and the Labour Party, which has indicated that it might be willing to discuss peace with Jordan.

However, Labour's Premier-designate Shimon Peres has disclosed that he has agreed to Likud's demands that "five or six" new Jewish settlements be added to the already existing ones in the occupied territories. Labour has said previously that it objects to the construction of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories, and according to the coalition pact, any decision to construct new settlements other than the "five or six" already approved by the outgoing Likud government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has to be approved by a majority cabinet vote. The provision of a full cabinet vote gives Labour a virtual veto to

block any further settlements. Jordan has always said that the settlements pose a major obstacle to peace efforts and Mrs. Sharaf's reference to Israel's "colonisation policy" during her interview with the BBC Wednesday reaffirms the Kingdom's stand.

In the interview, Mrs. Sharaf also criticised U.S. Middle East policy, which, she said, does not help the cause of peace in the region. The minister referred to the U.S.-Israeli strategic alliance agreement of 1982 and Washington's stands vis-a-vis Arab issues at the United Nations.

Mrs. Sharaf's criticism of the U.S. follows a strong denunciation earlier this week by Jordan of a recent American veto on a Lebanese-sponsored resolution at the Security Council. The draft resolution called on Israel to lift its restrictions on Lebanese civilians in the Israeli-occupied southern Lebanon and asked the Jewish state to abide the Geneva Convention on occupied territories. The U.S. veto effectively killed the resolution and Jordan said the U.S. action reflected "a total bias against the Arabs" and "embodied the total loss of U.S. credibility in the area."

In reply to a question on Jordan's defence requirements, Mrs. Sharaf said that the Kingdom is seeking the best defensive systems available and reserves the option to buy its requirements from any source.

In a clear reference to U.S. refusal earlier this year to sell Stinger missiles to Jordan, the minister said the Kingdom gives priority to the best arms available when buying weapons and in case it is not possible from one source it naturally opts for another source. Jordan is holding talks with the Soviet Union and other East European countries on buying arms and will buy the "best available weapons," she said.

Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker paid a visit to Moscow last month in response to an invitation by his Soviet counterpart and his discussions with senior Kremlin officials were believed to have dealt with Jordan's arms requirements.

Commenting on Jordan's relations with Egypt Mrs. Sharaf said ever since President Hosni Mubarak came to power Jordanian-Egyptian ties have been improving. However, Jordan has not yet considered resuming diplomatic relations with Egypt in the near future, she said. Any resumption of such relations has to be decided upon after consultations among Arab countries, she said.

Egypt was ostracised by all but three Arab League member states following Cairo's separate peace treaty with Israel in 1979. Jordan maintains that any decision to resume the relations has to have Arab consensus, just as the decision to break them in 1979.

## Iraq says convoy attacked near 4 Iranian port, targets destroyed

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraq said its navy attacked a convoy heading for Iran's Bandar Khomeini port at the head of the Gulf Wednesday and destroyed four ships.

A military spokesman said: "The targets were part of an enemy convoy heading for Bandar Khomeini port when they were spotted by our naval forces between 9.15 and 11.17 local time (0515 and 0717 GMT) and were destroyed."

He gave no further details. Bandar Khomeini, Iran's biggest port in the northern Gulf, lies up the Khor Musa channel — a shipping lane nicknamed "suicide alley" by merchant seamen because of frequent Iraqi air and naval attacks on convoys in the area. Iraq, which has been at war with

Iran for four years, has declared a wide area of the northern Gulf, including Bandar Khomeini and the main Iranian oil terminal at Kharg Island, a prohibited war zone and warned foreign ships to stay out of it. As well as a dozen tankers attacked near Kharg, Iraqi strikes on several foreign merchantmen near

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## Last-minute snag throws Peres' unity coalition efforts into chaos

TEL AVIV (AP) — Premier-designate Shimon Peres raced against time Wednesday to form a new government, trying to salvage a bipartisan accord but also negotiating for a cabinet without the rival Likud bloc.

Labour and Likud approval of a joint government had seemed almost certain until Mr. Peres and outgoing Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir deadlocked in last-minute talks early Wednesday over what to do about a minor government post.

Each party leader wanted to keep the religious affairs portfolio for his ally. Negotiators for both sides spent the day trying to straighten out their problems.

The second floor of the parliament building resembled a marketplace, with politicians clattering for whispered conversations in the hallways and rushing from one meeting room to another.

Mr. Peres only has until Sunday to present his government and he has staked his political future on the success of his efforts. If he fails, President Chaim Herzog will likely entrust Mr. Shamir with the task.

The first hint of trouble in the nearly completed accord came late Tuesday when former Defence Minister Ariel Sharon urged

his colleagues not to sign the bipartisan agreement until Labour gave in to Likud's demands for additional Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank.

"We must not give up on any principle," Mr. Sharon said. Observers viewed Mr. Sharon's tough stand as challenge to Mr. Shamir's leadership and said he was trying to enhance his power base by appearing strong enough to squeeze additional concessions from Labour.

Mr. Sharon also personally promised the Sephardic Torah Guardians Party (Shas) they would be given the religious affairs post and would lose political standing if Likud concedes to Labour on the point.

Labour was negotiating for the support of the National Religious Party (NRP) which is vying with Shas for the cabinet post.

The NRP told Labour in consultations Wednesday it would support Mr. Peres as head of a coalition if differences with the Likud were not resolved by Thursday, Israel radio said.

NRP and Labour agreed that if a narrow government was formed cabinet seats would be reserved for Likud for two weeks in the hope that they would decide in that time to join the coalition, the radio reported.

Labour needs the support of the NRP to form a parliamentary bloc against Mr. Shamir if the unity talks with Likud break down.

Another snag appeared to be Likud's demand that the arrangement for rotating the premiership between Mr. Peres and Mr. Shamir be grounded in the law. Mr. Peres was to serve the first half of a 50-month term before handing the job to Mr. Shamir.

But observers agreed that if the issue of the religious post was settled, the other problem would be quickly resolved.

Politicians on both sides promised to do all they could to save the talks and present a government to the Knesset Thursday. But Likud and Labour leaders blamed each other for the snags in the coalition talks.

Labour's Uzi Bar-Am accused Likud of "trying to drag out the negotiations knowing we only have until Sunday."

Yitzhak Navon, slated for a top cabinet post for Labour, said his party still wanted a partnership with Likud but added that if it else fails "we will have to find another government."

Deputy Premier David Levy charged that Labour was trying to "create panic... if Labour is capable and wants to form a narrow government then let them do it."



U.S. SHIP STONED: Demonstrators stoned a U.S. warship which docked at the southern Argentine port of Puerto Madryn on Monday to take on fuel and water. The demonstrators, who painted the word "assassins" on the ship's hull, were protesting against U.S. support for Britain in the 1982 Falklands war (AP wirephoto)

## Mideast needs urgent solution, Liberals agree

By Salameh B. Ne'matt  
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AMMAN — At the conclusion of a two-day conference of leaders of liberal parties in Europe and the Arab World, participants who discussed topics ranging from prospects of peace in the Middle East to fundamentalism and liberalism, Wednesday expressed deep satisfaction at the outcome of the exchange in different points of view, and described the discussions as "objective and independent."

President of the Italian Liberal Party Giovanni Malagodi, who was elected as vice-chairman of the meeting, appropriately called the "Arab-Liberal International Meeting" said a consensus has been reached among participants on many points. "We had a clear, calm and deep discussion with objectivity, fairness and understanding of the issues discussed," said Sen. Malagodi in an interview with the Jordan Times.

"The whole thing is almost impossible to distinguish Arab participants from Europeans," Sen. Malagodi said. "The similarity and identical views introduced during the discussions showed as if all participants belonged to the same culture," he remarked.

Commenting on the Middle

East conflict and the Palestinian problem in particular, Sen. Malagodi, one of the leading personalities in Liberal International, said the general impression perceived was that "no genuine progress can be achieved without the consent" of the two superpowers. "The gap between the superpowers has to be bridged first which makes the option of waiting for the appropriate time — one of the more reasonable options."

Sen. Malagodi said the conference came to the conclusion that a political solution to the Middle East problem is urgent. "A solution which should safeguard the rights of Palestinians to self-determination and the rights of all parties to the conflict to live within secure borders approved by the international community," he said.

"Before any decision is taken, the various aspects of the conflict should be considered to guarantee a long-lasting just peace," he told the Jordan Times. He said he would not say what decisions should be taken until he meets with Israeli liberals and see their concept of peace in the Middle East. President of the Austrian Liberal Party Breidler Wilfried said in another interview that the meeting discussed possibilities of ten-

sion escalating in the region as well as possibilities for a solution. "The aim of this meeting is to narrow the gap between the conflicting sides and try to reach a minimum level of mutual understanding," Mr. Breidler said. "We are always ready to go out of our way to contribute to a just and durable peace provided we were invited by both conflicting sides," he added.

Commenting briefly on the outcome of the meeting was Iraqi Deputy Foreign Minister Issmat Kitaneh who said the contributions of participants enriched the discussions which he described as "impartial and independent." The participants, he said, "were speaking as individuals and not as an organisation with particular interests."

The conference, which was chaired by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, was organised by the Amman-based Arab Thought Forum with the aim of crystallising an objective view of issues of immediate concern.

A number of participants left Amman Wednesday for the opening of another meeting of liberals in Israel during which they will discuss among other things "defence of the privacy of the individual threatened by the electronic espionage and the issue of international trade of arms."

## 2 ancient fortified cities discovered in Jordan

IRBID (Petra) — A joint West German-Jordanian archaeological team has discovered the remains of an ancient fortified city at Al Mughhir, north east of here, and the walls and fortifications as well as residential areas of another lying not far away from the first.

A spokesman for the Department of Antiquities said that the discovery was made by team members from Tubingen University of West Germany and Yarmouk University of Jordan at a point lying between Wadi Al Shallaleh, and Wadi Rahoub. The spokesman said that also the fortified city dates back to the third millennium B.C.

According to the spokesman, the walls and fortified towers of the other city date back between the fourth millennium B.C. and the second century B.C. According to Dr. Mu'awiyeh Ibrahim, who heads the antiquities department at Yarmouk University, the walled and fortified city contains residential quarters, stores for cereals and agricultural produce as well as various instruments, tools, pots, earthenware, stone and metal equipment.

Further excavation is planned in the area over the coming five years in a bid to unearth more artefacts, Dr. Mu'awiyeh said.

## Lebanon cabinet plans intensive 'conclave' discussions on reform

BEIRUT (R) — The Lebanese cabinet agreed Wednesday to start intensive discussions next week on a wide range of political and constitutional reforms designed to give more power to the country's Muslim majority.

Prime Minister Rashid Karami told reporters the cabinet would go into "conclave" on Monday to hammer out details of the reforms. Information Minister Joseph Skaff said the session was expected to last three or four days.

The decision was seen as a concession to Muslim pressure and a breakthrough in efforts to get Lebanon's peace process moving again after weeks of stalemate between Muslim and Christian leaders.

It was made in the absence of two key ministers, Walid Junblatt and Nabih Berri, who carried out a threat to boycott all cabinet meetings except "serious" sessions on reform and ways to oust Israel from South Lebanon.

The Junblatt-Berri boycott and the absence abroad of Defence Minister Adel Ossseiran reduced the cabinet to six members including Mr. Karami, but Mr. Junblatt and Mr. Berri were expected to attend next week's conclave.

They held to the boycott of routine cabinet sessions, despite appeals from President Amin Gemayel and Mr. Karami, after protesting for weeks that Mr. Gemayel and Christian cabinet ministers were stalling on reforms.

Mr. Skaff said the "conclave" would cover the full range of topics included in a government policy statement agreed last May by all Christian and Muslim ministers. Like Wednesday's meeting, the conclave will be held in the president's summer residence at Bikfaya above Beirut. Ministers would stay at a hotel until it ended, Mr. Skaff added.

Topics would include agreeing on a strategy to end Israel's occu-

pation of South Lebanon, formation of a 32-member commission on constitutional reform, administrative decentralisation, abolition of decrees issued by the previous government and the country's economic crisis.

Mr. Karami said the cabinet also discussed a car bomb assassination attempt last week on Education Minister Selim Hoss, for which Mr. Berri, Mr. Junblatt and Mr. Hoss have accused state intelligence services of responsibility.

He said the cabinet called in investigators and found insufficient evidence to justify the charges.

The accusations had intensified Muslim-Christian bitterness aroused by a dispute over whether political reforms should precede extension of a government security plan beyond Beirut. The wrangling had bogged down the peace process for weeks and caused fears that it might collapse.

## Libyan exiles claim Spain shooting

LONDON (Agencies) — An anonymous caller to the Associated Press bureau in London claimed Wednesday that a Libyan exile group known as Al Borkan was responsible for the shooting of a Libyan diplomat in Madrid.

The man, who spoke with a Middle Eastern accent, said the group carried out the attack because the diplomat, Mohammed Al Dris, was an agent of Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi. "He was sent five months ago to Madrid to organise the liquidation of Qadhafi opposition," said the caller.

Spanish police said Mr. Dris was shot in both arms by a lone assailant but was not critically wounded.

The caller identified Al Borkan as a Libyan exile group. Al Borkan is the Arabic word for volcano.

In January, a man who said he represented Al Borkan called the AP in London to claim responsibility for the attempted assassination of Libyan diplomat Ammar D. Al Taggazy in Rome.

Meanwhile, Spanish police have arrested two young men carrying Lebanese passports in connection with the shooting and wounding Mr. Dris, described as an administrative employee of the Libyan embassy or people's bureau in the Spanish capital.

A police press spokesman said Mustafa Ali Khalil, 22, and Mohammad Khair Abbas, 20, were being held in central police headquarters. The spokesman said a .765 calibre pistol had been found on one of the men.



# Iranian war victory could pose danger, former U.S. aide says

WASHINGTON (R) — A victory by Iran over Iraq in their four-year-long war could threaten Gulf states and increase Soviet opportunity in the region, former senior State Department official said in a magazine article published.

Michael Sterner, deputy assistant secretary of state in the Jimmy Carter administration, wrote in Foreign Affairs Magazine that the United States should gear its policy to prevent a decisive victory by Tehran.

He said that while Iraq had improved its standing in the war in recent months, it was not in a position to win the war.

"We (the United States) would like to see an outcome of the Iraq-Iran struggle that does not give the Soviet Union a dominant position in either country," he said.

"Since there is little likelihood that Iraq will defeat Iran, what we are really talking about is a policy that seeks to prevent the Khomeini regime from winning a victory that could undermine the position of pro-Western Gulf governments, give impetus to extremist Islamic movements throughout the Middle East, and create new opportunities for an expansion of Soviet influence in the region," Mr. Sterner said.

Mr. Sterner, a former ambassador to the United Arab Emirates,

rates who was later responsible in the State Department for Arab-Israeli affairs, said that if the military situation turned against Iraq, U.S. policymakers could be faced with the dilemma of how to deal with an expansionist Iran.

He said that if Iran tried to unseat any moderate Gulf governments by "an actual physical attack, particularly against our most important regional ally, Saudi Arabia, Washington would have to be prepared to intervene with air and naval forces."

He said, however, the most plausible scenario for the Gulf conflict would be "a murky middle outcome" with Iran's leaders recognising they could not win the war, and winding it down without ever acknowledging publicly they had backed off.

## Iran sets up shuttle

Meanwhile in Bahrain shipping and oil trade sources said Tuesday Iran is setting up a tanker shuttle to carry crude oil from its vulnerable oil terminal at Kharg Island to ships waiting outside the

Gulf. They said three supertankers, which could move an estimated one-third of Iran's normal oil exports, had been bought by an oil trading and shipping concern for charter to Iran.

The Shuttle's aim is to entice foreign customers to buy Iranian oil by allowing them to load it outside the Gulf instead of at Iran's main oil export outlet at Kharg.

Kharg is the site of an attempted blockade by Iraq, at war with Iran for four years.

The Liberian-registered Saint Tobias, loaded with 240,000 tonnes of crude oil bound for Japan, Tuesday became the 11th oil tanker to be confirmed as damaged by Iraqi missile attacks near Kharg in recent months.

The source estimated the tankers, which would discharge their cargoes on to other ships off the United Arab Emirates port of Fujairah, could move between 400,000 and 600,000 barrels per day (BPD) of crude.

The sources said each vessel could make two or three round trips a month, depending on the speed with which the crude was discharged, with up to two million barrels of oil on each trip.

Iraq denies children captured

Iraq Tuesday accused Iran of

falsely portraying children as Iraqi prisoners of war during a press visit to a military barracks in Tehran two days ago.

An Information Ministry spokesman said the children shown to the journalists were those of Iranian families deported by Iraq after the Gulf war broke out four years ago.

The spokesman was commenting on a Reuters report on an officially-organised visit to Tehran Mehrabad barracks during which some 200 teenagers were described by Iranian authorities as Iraqi prisoners of war. Some of them told the journalists they were captured as far back as two years ago.

The spokesman said in a statement none of the children's names given in the Reuters report were on the lists of Iraqi prisoners of war registered with the International Red Cross.

The statement asked why Iran had waited so long to show what it said were Iraqi prisoners of war, and accused Iranian authorities of having stage-managed the visit.

Iraq has shown Iranian children captured on the war front on several occasions and opened a special school for them. Tuesday's statement said hundreds of Iranian children were captured by the Iraqi army.

# Arabs not hopeful under new Israeli government

HEBRON, Occupied West Bank (AP) — West Bank Palestinians watched with concern as Israeli politicians put together a bipartisan government that seemed unlikely to lift the yoke of occupation or offer fresh hope for peace.

"We are depressed and disappointed. We know this new cabinet is too diffused to make any progress towards peace," said Mustafa Natsheh, the deposed mayor of this sprawling Palestinian town.

Many radical Palestinians say that after 17 years of occupation they have despaired of peace, which they say can only come with independence.

Neither major Israeli party accepts the notion of Palestinian statehood, nor would they agree to let the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) operate freely so close to Israel.

Other more moderate West Bank residents hoped that a victory by Shimon Peres's Labour Party over Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud Bloc would bring new openings for peace. But the July 23 election was close, and a compromise bipartisan government was formed.

Mr. Shamir made it clear that as a partner in the new joint government the Likud would not accept Labour proposals to return land captured from Jordan in the 1967 war in exchange for peace. Mr. Peres told Labour leaders

Monday that any accord calling for a return of part of the occupied territories would go to the nation for a vote.

But Mr. Natsheh said Palestinians couldn't hope for much from such a vote.

"Ten years ago more than 60 per cent of the Israeli population believed Israel should leave at least part of the West Bank," Mr. Natsheh said. "Today it is less than 20 per cent. The people are moving to the right."

Palestinians are not permitted a vote in Israeli elections, but many take an active interest, said Mohammad Shadid, chairman of the Political Science Department at the Palestinian Al-Najah University in Nablus.

"People were more optimistic about Mr. Peres. They thought he might be able to take steps to relieve the intolerable situation in the occupied territories," Mr. Shadid said. "But in a joint government with Likud, things will stay the same."

Bassam Shakaa, the deposed mayor of the Arab city of Nablus who lost his legs in a 1980 car bomb, said he expected no speedy solutions to problems faced by Palestinians, no matter who governed Israel.

"Israel's strategy in the West Bank won't change," Mr. Shakaa said. "Maybe Shamir is a little worse than Peres, but neither man supports the rights of the Palestinians."

# Jordanian envoy says U.S. role diminishing

MOSCOW (J.T.) — Jordan's Israeli "which violate international law and human rights," spatter interview that the United States cannot play the role of mediator for the establishment of a Middle East peace.

Mr. Fahel Al Tawil was quoted by the newspaper Sovetskaya the superpowers can take part in Russia as saying that Washington's Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Others, however, say Washington's Middle East stance will limit future gains — at a time when the Soviet Union is clearly aiming to enhance its image in Kuwait and the region.

Moscow, they say, is bound to use a coming visit here by Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko to try enhance its profile in the Gulf as a whole.

Kuwait is the only member of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which also groups Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, to have diplomatic ties with Moscow.

The Soviet Union has already secured wide approval from the Arab World for its recent proposals on a Middle East peace conference. In contrast, President Reagan's two-year-old peace plan is virtually forgotten.

No date has been set for Mr. Gromyko's trip, but diplomats feel it is most likely from December onwards, after the GCC summit in November and before National Assembly elections in March.

They note some resentment still lingers over a U.S. refusal last June to include Stinger anti-aircraft missiles in an arms package sought by Kuwait to bolster its air defences.

Stung by the snub, Kuwait's Defence Minister Sheikh Salem Al Ahmad Al Sabah later sealed an arms deal with Moscow, widely reported to be worth \$300 million.

# Rifaat Assad is not exiled from Syria, spokesman says

PARIS (Agencies) — Rifaat Assad, vice president of Syria and brother of President Hafez Al Assad, will be returning to Damascus soon, his spokesman said Wednesday, denying reports that he had been forced into exile in Switzerland.

The West German news magazine Der Spiegel this week quoted Syrian Defence Minister Mustafa Tlas as saying Rifaat Assad was persona non grata in Syria.

"When our president tells someone to beat it to Geneva, then that person goes to Geneva," Mr. Tlas was quoted as saying. "Whoever says no to President Assad will be made a head shorter."

"The man whose name you mentioned (Rifaat Assad) is forever a persona non grata to us. If

this person had not gone abroad, the army would have struck."

Hamad Khalil, spokesman for Rifaat Assad, said the president's brother is now in Geneva for health reasons.

"He will return to Damascus very soon to take up his national responsibilities at the side of President Hafez Al Assad," Mr. Khalil said.

The spokesman said that after the publication of the article, "Mr. Tlas contested what the magazine attributed to him on the subject of the vice president, being astonished that a magazine of this quality could twist truth. He said it was the second time that someone had attributed words to him that he had not said."

# Al Najah president holds Cairo talks

CAIRO (J.T.) — President of Al Najah University on the occupied Arab West Bank Hikmat Al Masri held a meeting here with Mr. Taha Al Farnuani, director of the Palestine Bureau at the Egyptian Foreign Ministry. They discussed developments in the Palestine problem and efforts being exerted to bring about unity among Palestinian movements. They also discussed means of supporting the steadfastness of the Arab inhabitants in the occupied Arab lands and to increase the seats assigned for Palestinian students in Egyptian schools and universities.

# Turks protest against jail torture

ATHENS (AP) — About 300 demonstrators, including many Turkish political exiles, marched through the streets of Athens on Tuesday to protest alleged torture of political prisoners in Turkey. The march was organised on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the military takeover in Turkey on Sept. 12, 1980. "Shouting slogans against Turkish head of state Gen. Kenan Evren, and carrying banners reading 'Down with the Turkish junta,'" the demonstrators marched to the Turkish embassy in the centre of the Greek capital. In leaflets they distributed, the demonstrators condemned the alleged execution and torture of political detainees in Turkey and demanded a general amnesty.

# Turkey deplores U.S. resolution

ANKARA (R) — Turkey Tuesday deplored and regretted "a resolution of the U.S. House of Representatives to observe April 24 as 'inhumanity day' referring especially to the killing of Armenians in Turkey between 1915 and 1923. Foreign Ministry Spokesman Yalim Eralp, answering reporters' questions, said: "Those who take decisions to encourage international terrorism, leaving aside their main task of fighting it, under election anxieties and petty political bickering, will no doubt be heavily responsible for future victims of the disaster of terrorism." The resolution, passed in the House, called for President Reagan to designate April 24 national day of remembrance of man's inhumanity to man.

# Former Iranian aide seeks asylum

PARIS (R) — Former Iranian Industry Minister Mostafa Hashemi has arrived in France and is seeking political asylum, the Paris-based People's Mujahedin opposition group said Wednesday. A spokesman said Mr. Hashemi had arrived in France from Algeria but had no other details. There was no immediate confirmation from French officials. The Mujahedin spokesman said Mr. Hashemi had no links with his movement.

## TV & RADIO

JORDAN TELEVISION	
17:30	Koran
17:45	Cartoons
17:55	Children's Programme
18:25	Whizz Kids
19:10	Programme Review
19:30	Local Programme
20:00	News in Arabic
20:30	Arabic Series
21:45	Arabic Play
22:00	News in Arabic
23:10	Play Cont.

FOREIGN CHANNEL	
18:00	French Programme
19:00	News in French
19:30	News in Hebrew
20:30	A Man Called Interp. E. 2
22:00	News in English
22:15	Feature Film: Strangers on a Train - Farely Granger, Ruth Roman

RADIO JORDAN	
855 KHz, AM & 99 MHz, FM	& partly on 9560 KHz, SW
07:00	Light Music
07:30	News
08:00	Morning Show
08:30	News Summary
09:00	Morning Show
11:00	Pop Session
12:00	News Summary
12:30	Pop Session
13:00	News Summary
14:00	Pop Session
14:30	News Summary
15:00	Just A Minute
15:30	Concert Hour
16:00	News Summary
16:30	Old Favorites
17:00	Special Feature
17:30	Pop Session
18:00	News Summary
18:30	Good Old Days
19:00	Music
19:30	News
20:00	Evening Show
21:00	News Summary
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22:00	Evening Show
22:30	News Summary
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## FOR THE TRAVELLER



## NEWS IN BRIEF

## 22 die in week of road accidents

AMMAN (Petra) — Twenty-two people were killed and another 150 persons injured as a result of 192 road accidents which occurred all over the country during last week, according to the weekly statistical bulletin issued by the Public Security Department. The bulletin said that 148 of these accidents took place in Amman killing six people and injuring 74 others.

## Taghreed opens Swiss artist's exhibition

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Highness Princess Taghreed opened at the Intercontinental Hotel Wednesday evening an art exhibition by the Swiss artist Manuel Merino. On display for six days are 64 paintings depicting the Jordanian environment and historical and archaeological sites in the country. The paintings were prepared by the artist during his stay in Jordan. The Swiss Charge d'Affaires in Amman, Mr. George Berchler, embassy staff and members of the foreign diplomatic corps and an audience of art lovers attended the opening ceremony.

## Zaben reviews Arab satellite issues

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Communications and Chairman of the Board of the Telecommunications Corporations (TCC) Mohammad Al Zaben discussed with French Ambassador in Amman Jacques Alain De Sodouy Wednesday issues related to the launching of the first Arab satellite as well as the urban and rural communications project financed through the Jordan-French financial protocol.

## IDB grants loans for local industries

AMMAN (Petra) — Eight loans amounting to JD 19,300 were granted by the Industrial Development Bank (IDB) during August to citizens. Loans granted by the IDB during the past eight months of this year reached 108 loans amounting to JD 302,300 distributed to the various areas of the country.



**ENVOY PRESENTS CREDENTIALS:** Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri received Wednesday Mr. Abdul Rahman Shareef (right) who presented to the minister a copy of his credentials as an Algerian ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Jordan (Petra photo)



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, bids farewell to Prince Talal Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia Wednesday following a press conference held by Prince Talal in which he reviewed the activities of humanitarian organisations (Petra photo)

## Nearly 40,000 families benefit from free distribution of 'feast of sacrifice' sheep

AMMAN (J.T.) — Sheep slaughtered in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, just before 'Eid Al Adha (feast of sacrifice)' are being distributed to poor and needy families in Jordan after they have been shipped here in refrigerated trucks.

A total of 63 trucks carried the first shipment of 25,000 sheep and 36 more trucks are expected soon with 14,000 sheep to be distributed in various regions of Jordan, according to Mr. Abdul Rahim Salam assistant under-secretary of the Ministry of Social Development and member of a special central committee for distributing the sheep.

He said that nearly 40,000 families will benefit from the free distribution in Amman, Zarqa, Aqaba, Ma'an, Salt, Madaba and Mafraq governorates as well as those in refugee camps. The

sheep, which have arrived at the slaughter houses in Amman, Irbid, and Ma'an, are being examined by a special team of vets appointed by the Ministries of Health and Agriculture to ensure that the meat is fit for human consumption, Mr. Salam said.

Mr. Salam expects the last shipment of refrigerated sheep to arrive in Jordan on Saturday, but he said that the quantities that have been assigned for distribution in Jordan were less than expected.

## Transport delay

This is the first time that "sheep sacrifices" from Mecca have been distributed in Jordan. The shipments came here late for the feast due to a delay in transportation procedures and because a five-member Jordanian

team had to be present in Saudi Arabia to organise the shipment, Mr. Salam said.

According to Mr. Salam, the average weight of a sheep is 16 kilograms and each sheep is well packed with cloth and stamped by the Saudi health authorities.

The cabinet had earlier set up a special central committee to supervise the distribution of the meat to needy families. The committee members comprise representatives from the Ministries of Social Development, Agriculture, Supply and Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs in addition to members from the General Union of Voluntary Societies.

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## SSC covers 247,982 people

AMMAN (Petra) — The Social Security Corporation (SSC) says that 247,982 people are now covered by the SSC law. Of this number 170,505 are Jordanians and the rest are non-Jordanians working in the country.

A statistical bulletin issued Wednesday said that 846 families have so far benefited from SSC compensation for death, old age and for occupational injuries since

the application of the SSC law in 1980. The SSC has paid JD 900,000 in pensions including JD 400,000 in the first eight months of this year, the bulletin said.

It said that occupational injuries requiring compensation since 1980 totalled 15,844 and the SSC has paid JD 922,000 for the medical treatment of these cases including JD 205,000 in the first eight months of this year.

## 'Convoy attacked'

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Khor Musa have been independently confirmed.

The last were on July 1, when the 13,316-ton Cypriot-flag Alexander Dyo and the 6,163-ton South Korean freighter Wonjin were hit while heading for Bandar Khomeini.

Two Filipino crewmen on the Alexander Dyo were killed and four injured on the Korean ship. Bandar Khomeini is the site of a multi-billion dollar petrochemical complex being built by Japanese firms.

Work on it has twice been halted because of Iraqi air attacks, but the Japanese consortium building it, led by the Mitsui group, recently sent workers back to the site to resume construction.

The Iraqi government magazine Alif-Baa reported Wednesday that Iraq's armed forces had sunk 251 ships in the Gulf since the start of the war.

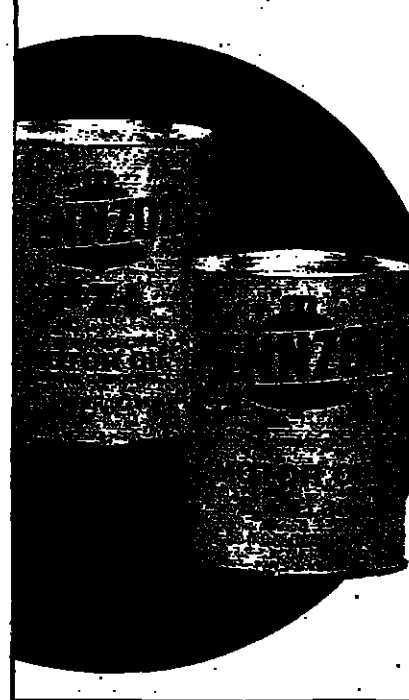
It said the figure, from official data, included all ships hit up to the beginning of this month. Before Wednesday's attack Iraqi military spokesman had reported air attacks on three ships in the past two days.

The magazine did not identify the types of vessels said to have been sunk, but said 194 of them had been sunk by the Iraqi navy, 42 by the air force and 15 by coastal defences.

Gulf shipping circles did not pick up any distress signals Wednesday from merchant vessels and the Associated Press quoted one unnamed source as saying "that's too far up (in the Gulf) for us to be involved."

Similar previous announcements from Baghdad of naval or air attacks off Bandar Khomeini have referred to Iranian warships.

Iran has not confirmed any of the attacks since Monday, but Iraqi warplanes fired a French-made Exocet heat-seeking missile into a Libanese-registered supertanker Tuesday, some 80 kilometres south of Kharg.

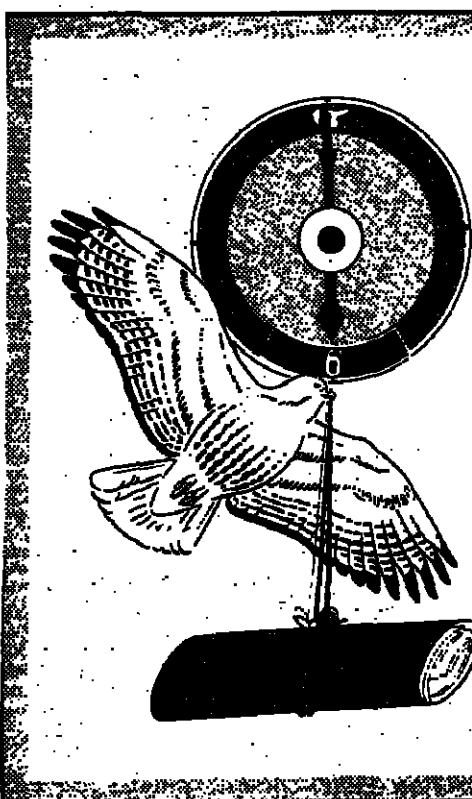


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## Prince Talal calls for Arab humanitarian projects

By Olga Mikhael  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — UNICEF special envoy and Arab Gulf Programme for the United Nations Development Organisation (AGFUND) President Prince Talal Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia Wednesday called on the Arab World to unify efforts to support development and humanitarian projects.

Prince Talal, who arrived here Tuesday to attend the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) regional meeting, was addressing 70 UNICEF representatives and senior officials Wednesday. During his speech he stressed the need to establish Arab supreme councils or commissions for children and mothers as soon as possible.

"It is difficult, if not impossible, to achieve development for children and mothers without the support of such mechanisms," said Prince Talal.

The five-day UNICEF regional meeting, currently being held in Amman for the first time, is focusing on the problems of mothers and children in the Middle East and north Africa. The meeting is tackling the Arab World infant mortality problems and mother and child issues.

AGFUND was established in April 1981 as a unique venture in humanitarian assistance by an initiative of Prince Talal and is supported by the leaders of the seven Arab Gulf states, Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. The aim of AGFUND is to extend support to development

and humanitarian projects regardless of race, ideology, creed or religion.

During his speech Prince Talal presented his greetings to His Majesty King Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, as well as to the Jordanian government and people. Prince Talal highlighted the importance of gaining the support of religious leaders in the Arab World and to draw upon their tremendous prestige in order to eliminate the social hindrances which impede the rapid implementation of programmes that concern mother and child welfare.

Prince Talal stressed the point that the problems of children and mothers in the Middle East and north Africa are part of the problems of the poor, developing and troubled Third World. "Although some of the Third World countries are oil producing countries, yet they are still in need of the expertise and technical assistance required to implement our comprehensive programmes," Prince Talal said.

## Clear vision

Prince Talal went on to say that

development in our region depends largely on two factors, clear vision and adequate financing. "We must be realistic and avoid exaggeration or underestimation of problems by tackling the existing problems in light of their scope and dimension," he said.

In his speech, Prince Talal also highlighted the importance of UNICEF in the region. He mentioned the help it provides in combating disease and malnutrition, in providing clean water, immunisation, training and other basic services to reduce the high infant mortality rate, which reached in 1981 an average rate of 102 per 1000 in 18 Arab countries.

"Since not all mothers in our region have reached an appropriate level of awareness, education and training, nor all fathers are able to keep up with modern technology or to be familiar with family planning and the rights of the child, the region needs a simple way to guide the citizens along the proper path in the fields of health and education," he added.

Prince Talal, on behalf of UNICEF, urged the Arab countries to exert additional efforts to identify problems and to devise solutions. He also called on countries to elaborate their plans in accordance with their real potential and to eliminate bureaucratic obstacle in the interest of dynamic decision making.

"In order to eliminate competition between ministerial and departmental divisions within governments, and since UNICEF

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## THE LITERARY CORNER

## A Jordanian literary phenomenon

## The metaphysical dimensions in the works of Tayseer Sboul

IN TODAY'S Literary Corner I chose to write about Tayseer Sboul, the outstanding Jordanian poet, novelist and short-story writer who exemplifies a *par excellence* phenomenon in the history of Jordanian literature.

Sboul was born in Tafleh (South of Amman) in 1939. He completed his elementary studies there and then moved to Zarqa in which he finished the preparatory school. Having graduated with a high average from Al-Hussein College in Amman, he was awarded an academic scholarship to study administration at the American University of Beirut which he dropped after one year. He later enrolled in Damascus University and graduated with a law degree in 1961. The writer worked as a lawyer, a public employee and an announcer and ended up as a cultural adviser in Radio Jordan.

The famous author's suicide in 1973 (a month after the 1973 October war) still tolls in the memory of Jordanian literary figures and thinkers as a tragic event and a sad moment in the literary march of the country. Many were the friends who wept for him and still do. Deputy Prime Minister Sulaiman Arar, the writers Fayez Mahmoud, Khalil Al-Sawafri, Jamal Abu Hamdan and Salem Al-Nahas; the poets Khaled Al-Saket, Abdul Rahim Oman, Amin Shunner and

Izuddin Al Manasra, the journalist Rakan Al-Majali and Dr. Farouk Mansour, the Yarmouk University librarian.

A true and genuine Arab, torn by his people's rifts, pains and apathy, Sboul passed away leaving us a heritage of excellence: a novel, "You, starting Today," a collection of poems "Desert Sadness," and a number of studies and articles on poetry, prose and politics.

No Jordanian writer has ever embodied an endless source of inspiration for the Jordanian and Arab writers as Sboul had. Rarely does a week elapse without a study, an essay, or a critical work of some sort published in the Jordanian and Arab literary magazines or dailies. What is it that attracts writers to delve into his works? Is it his suicide or his literary excellence? The immediate and simple answer is *both*. However, there are many reasons that cannot be covered in this article since they do not fall in today's zone of interest. Metaphysics is the zone of interest. It is the metaphysical school of literature that I will try to utilize in regard to Sboul's works. This may seem to some, particularly the followers of Gorky, as a departure from reality which Tayseer Sboul lived to the marrow. Be that as it may, I am inclined to join the ranks of those who believe that metaphysics is a part of reality, hence, at the urging of such a thesis, I thought of this article.

The dramatic opening, a major metaphysical characteristic, can be easily traced in Sboul's poetry:

Flung there in my room  
And your face, my friend  
Shone through my loneliness  
With brightness and tenderness

I and the radio, and tonight is  
a feast  
And the singer chewed his  
happiness

On our horizon the clouds do  
yawn  
And wander around the sky.

"His true love has died away  
His true memories are no  
longer valuable  
What's there to lose if we  
meet,  
Smile and bow  
And whisper: Hello  
And go away.

My friend  
Greetings from a sad, weary  
man  
Greetings quivering with  
yearning.

However, for purposes of this article, a special emphasis will be placed on his short-story "The Cock's Crowing", which is rich with metaphysical elements. The story is about a recently released ex-convict who is invited to spend sometime at the house of Osman, a former fellow prisoner, who

promises to find him a job at the insurance company for which he is working

— "We all leave the prison in the end."

— "When I am released in work, I remember the prison as a quiet place; I tell myself that those were pleasant days."

Still obsessed with the distinct psychology of a prisoner, the man sees his friend's furniture and belongings, and even the fruit through a strangely conscious eye:

"Paintings hanging, light blue chairs, yellow wood, and a pyramid of apples."

The prisoner keeps posing metaphysical questions starting with "why?"

"She freely goes to the kitchen. Why the kitchen? Why the dishes? Why? Why? Why? Why the cock's head? Why should it remain hanging on its body while roasted? Why?"

The relation with the cock develops into more serious metaphysical questions:

"...No body is against anybody (I), but it is a nice cock to be eaten. If you discuss the matter with it, and say:

"We have to slaughter you... your meat is delicious at supper."

"Certainly this beautiful cock would not get angry, and certainly everybody is to be slaughtered one day."

Abashed? Perhaps, but still metaphysical. Contemplate this:

"If a common language among flowers, cocks and people is created, all would understand one another, and the flowers would declare:

"I am glad to be plucked, I'll adorn the house!"

"The cocks would say:

"It's not sad to be slaughtered. The human beings slaughter us and invite one another to a banquet to eat our meat."

"People would say:

"We do not want to hurt anybody, but the flowers are beautiful, and cocks are delicious."

"Maybe all would laugh with overwhelming happiness."

The leading character, being sexually frustrated, desires his friend's wife. She makes obvious passes at him and yet she reproves him for his attempt to kiss her, claiming that she is a "virtuous wife."

Virtuous wife? Osman's wife? He never thought of her this way. He sees her as a woman — a lascivious woman, a tulip. She is Ghada.

This is what they call a woman in such cases — "a virtuous woman." How wretched is he? How he finds himself forced to re-arrange events without tulips.

"All right, she is Osman's wife, but I crave for a kiss."

He metaphysically rejects the idea of one man monopolizing one woman.

Finally the woman yields to

his unsurmountable lust:

"Each one closed his eyes and entrusted the swinging, warm water with the task of completing the ritual.... The sea had a big, white sheath; so it came running, enveloped and pecked them with a great joy. Its crowing was awakening the first dawn of the earth. The man united with the woman; the woman with the man like a remnant of two splits of a grain of wheat."

They have realized the *one-ness* which John Donne, the famous metaphysical poet preached some four hundred years ago.

His suicide, which some see as a means for putting an end to his wicked disease, and some others see as a protest meant to warn, vex, and incite his people, and yet others see it as a protective measure to defend the self and help pull it out of the dilemma of tension, is yet another metaphysical dimension. Sboul, in my humble opinion, existentially selected a physical passport to get him to the metaphysical world which he longed for, possibly in his sub-conscious mind. Did the sophy books he is reported to have read in his last years affect him negatively? Possibly true! But it is also possible that he had high hopes to achieve in the metaphysical world, that which he failed to realize in his physical life.

— Ahmad Jaber

## Randa Habib's Corner

## Two wheels make no excuse

WHAT ANNOYS me most when I'm driving are the bicycles that spring from God knows where and do not stop on traffic lights thus causing numerous accidents.

Those who drive bicycles believe (God knows why) that they are somewhere between drivers and pedestrians. That means that they consider it normal to use sidewalks and not to abide by traffic laws. Red lights? They are not made for them, they're for the cars. One way streets? They do not concern them. They overtake you from the right, from the left when you are stopped.

Some, to be more accurate most have small carts, which leads us to believe that they deliver groceries from supermarkets and as such are in a hurry to finish their work. All of a sudden you will see them in front of you and you almost bump into them. Bicycles circulate in the streets exactly like cars consequently they should abide by the same rules. Stopping at traffic lights, not circulating unless the light is green but most important of all never to think that they are pedestrians and to cross the road horizontally.

Numerous accidents are caused by those two wheel monsters that are very often driven by inconsiderate teenagers. Those accidents endanger the life of the bicycle drivers because they have no protection.

The police should be very severe in implementing strict laws for bicycle drivers, who should be no exception.

Everything that circulates on the road should be subject to the law and the laws should be the same for all.

## Publicity spots draw top Italian movie directors

By Justin Davidson  
Associated Press



Franco Zeffirelli

ROME — Lured by quick, big money and the challenge of leaving an unmistakable imprint on 30 seconds of film, two of Italy's top movie directors — Federico Fellini and Franco Zeffirelli — have plunged into making "designer commercials."

Fellini's advertisement for Campari (an alcoholic beverage) and Zeffirelli's spot for Annabella furs start running on major Italian television networks on Sept. 15.

Fellini and Zeffirelli have supervised the new mini-work from start to finish. And the spots have received the kind of advance publicity usually reserved for feature films.

Traditionally, a television commercial is thought up and written in a publicity agency. A director is called in for the lucrative, if artistically limited, job of shooting the 30 seconds of film, which goes unsigned and unrecognized. Fellini, whose films have ranged from the award-winning "La Strada" to last year's "And The Ship Sails On," is taking a different approach.

"You have to let yourself be recognized in half a minute," he said.

Zeffirelli added another reason: "I gave my professionalism, my taste and my signature to a product that has all the characteristics that have always fascinated me," he said.

The spot is entirely a Zeffirelli creation. In a full-page article, Milan's Corriere Della Sera described it as "half-way between dream and reality... beginning with the apparition of a beautiful woman in a vaporous white fur, a silhouette rendered evanescent by a masterful play of Light and Shadow."

Masters of the Italian cinema have been involved in advertising for years. But according to Adriano Zancacchi, the vice-director general of publicity for the Italian state-run Rai Television network, "they are only beginning to admit it now."

In the past, advertising was considered an ignoble activity, while cinema was a myth," Mr. Zancacchi said. "But now, publicity is developing, and cinema is going through a period of crisis."

Zeffirelli is certainly not hiding his authorship of "The New Spot," which stars top-paid American model Jerry Hall. It is preceded by a seven-second mini-spot, in which the director himself advertises his own advertisement.

Television advertising "really is the art form of the future," said Paolo Biondo, the director of a large film recording studio in Rome.

"That's where the money is, and when there's money, there's more sophistication," added Biondo, an American and long-time resident in Rome.

The cost of producing a normal thirty-second television spot can cost up to 500 million lire (\$ 300,000). Producers are reticent about how much of this goes to directors, but American Phyllis Robinson, who worked in advertising for years in Italy, said "hiring big names can make prices soar into the millions of dollars."

## Mussels are important indicators of pollution hotspots

By Nikki Meith

Eating mussels can make you sick because they store pollutants in their tissues. But this trait makes mussels an important indicator of pollution hotspots around the globe. Scientists want to make more use of them as global pollution watchdogs.

GENEVA — Eating mussels can make you sick, and it is their ability to make you sick that excites scientists about using these tasty shellfish as a global ocean pollution early warning system.

Mussels are not only good to eat, easy to grow, and a potential source of cheap protein for poor countries; but they also have the ability to concentrate and store in their tissues pollutants they filter from surrounding waters. (It is thus wise to know the source of mussels one eats in a restaurant.)

Mussels (a common name for members of the marine bivalve family Mytilidae and about 1,000 freshwater species), have found widest acceptance as a measuring stick for marine pollution because they grow abundantly in cool seas all over the world; they spend their entire adult lives in one place; and though they store massive amounts of pollutants, they are resistant to the pollutants effects. But some fish species, algae and other bivalve molluscs such as barnacles also store pollutants.

And because mussels are good food (for other sea animals as well as humans), knowing what pollutants they contain is important ecologically, economically and for the public's health.

Mussels were a favoured sentinel in several international pro-

grammes established in the 1970s to monitor coastal water contamination by substances such as DDT, petroleum, trace metals and nuclear waste.

A "Mussel Watch" programme was carried out in the United States in the mid-1970s. Scientists from universities and marine laboratories measured groups of pollutants in mussels and oysters from over 100 Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coast U.S. sites.

The U.S. programme, the first of its kind, revealed several problems inherent in such surveys. One is that concentrations of certain pollutants in mussels can fluctuate over the year, perhaps owing to changes in the animal's metabolism. Also, they do not determine the source of a pollutant — a troublesome shortcoming in the case of trace metals and radioactive materials which occur naturally.

But the U.S. study did identify pollution "hotspots" and helped to establish background levels of pollutants. The feasibility of an integrated global monitoring programme was examined at an international symposium held in Tallin (USSR) in October 1983.

That meeting recommended the use of molluscs as indicator organisms for marine pollutants, and following the lead of Dr. Edward

Goldberg of Scripps Institute of Oceanography (U.S.), suggested that a global mussels watch be carried out to determine the level of organochlorines (DDT and related pesticides) in the oceans, particularly in the Southern Hemisphere.

Goldberg warned the meeting that there may have been a build-up in organochlorine pesticides in the Southern Hemisphere and tropics "to levels approaching those of the Northern Hemisphere during the 1960s," when the damage DDT and its relatives was doing to birds, especially hawks and others far up the food chain, became evident.

Long an advocate of the mussel-watch approach, Mr. Goldberg proposed a "single-shot monitoring of the world ocean for chlorinated biocides (pesticides) ... to compare present levels, especially in the coastal tropical and Southern Hemispheric waters, with those of the 1960s and 1970s."

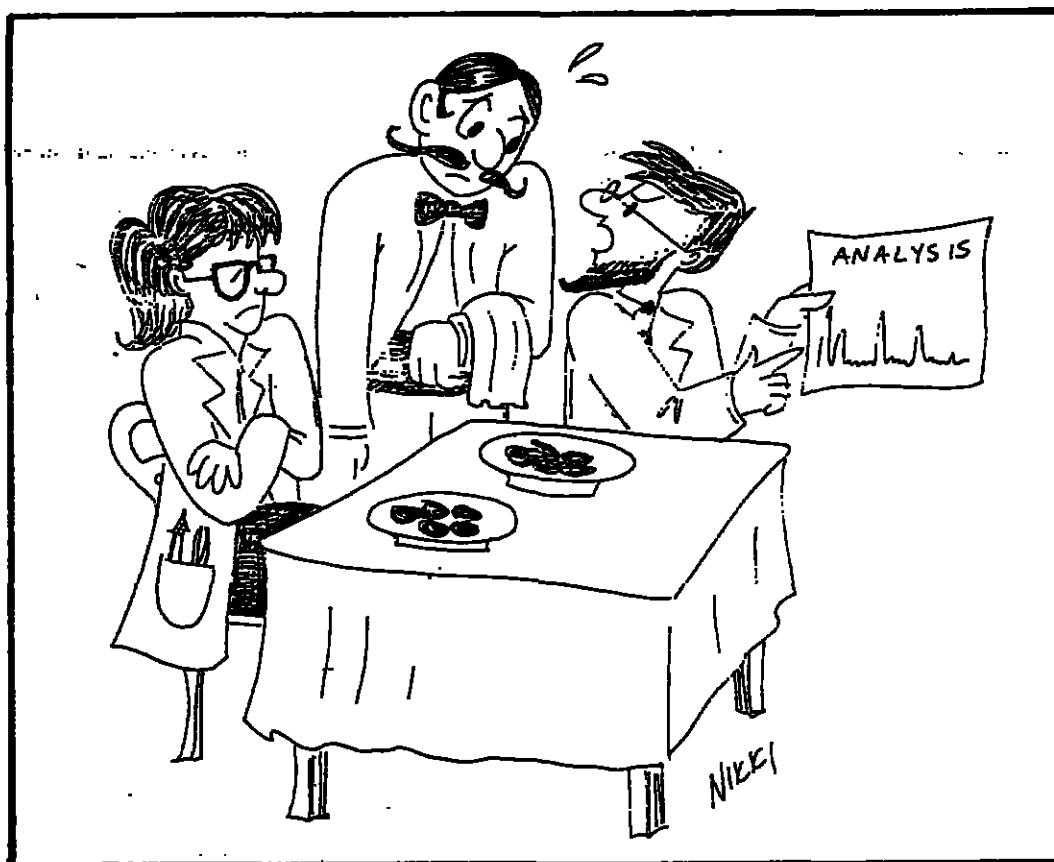
At a mussel watch workshop in Honolulu last November, sponsored by the International Council of Scientific Unions, scientists from 26 countries recommended the start of an International Mussel Watch to measure pollutants, especially oil pollution and radioactive material in the world's coastal waters.

The global programme was approved, and participants were pleased to note the growing interest shown by developing coun-

tries. But little progress has been made since then, and neither the nature nor the scope of the mussel watch have yet been determined. Some scientists feel the survey should be limited to oil pollution

in the southern oceans. Others opt for broader objectives. Some believe a single group of organisms such as mussels and other molluscs, should be used; still others are convinced that it would be bet-

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# Jordan wins Arab basketball opener

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan defeated Kuwait 70-58 in the opening match of the Second Arab Youth Basketball Championship Tuesday evening at Al Hussein Sport City's Sports Palace.

Earlier in the evening the championships started with a simple opening ceremony held under the patronage of Minister of Sport Abdullah Oweidat. In a speech, the President of the Jordanian Basketball Federation Mudar Al Majdoub welcomed the participating countries and thanked the teams for responding to the invitation to this tournament.

The opening ceremony included presentation of teams taking part in the competition and speeches by members of the Jordanian and Arab Basketball Federation. Finally Dr. Oweidat signalled the opening of the championship.

A tension packed match between the hosts and Kuwait followed the opening ceremony with Jordan taking an early lead and both teams displaying careful play. But Kuwait were no easy bait. They fought very hard throughout the first half and surprisingly went into half time with a 31-25 lead.

Despite Kuwait's lead in the first half, Jordan recovered swiftly in the second half to even the score and then take the lead in the 10th minute. From then on the Jordanian players supported by a capacity crowd pressed on with their attacking play to win the match with a 70-58 scoreline.

On Wednesday Syria conflicted a heavy defeat on the Palestinian team in the second match of the tournament.

The 96-59 final score was a true reflection of the performance of the Syrians who dominated the match with the Palestinians showing good lapses in the first half.

Although the Syrians played slowly in the first half to end the half with a 47-38 score they showed some superior play in the latter part of the match to gain their first victory of the tournament.

Also late Wednesday evening Algeria scored their first triumph by beating Saudi Arabia 91-89 in an action-packed match.

The first half ended with Saudi Arabia gaining a twelve points advantage. Scheduled matches for Thursday are: Jordan vs Saudi Arabia; Syria vs Kuwait; Algeria vs Palestine.

Attending the opening ceremony and match were Mayor of Amman Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh, President of the Jordan Youth Welfare Organisation Mohammad Jamil Abu Al Tayyeb, and Director of the Sports City Issam Aridah.

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**FIRST RACE - 3.00 p.m. For beginner horses Distance:**

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Khalid N. El Falez	Jarrah	Owner	Mostafa	54
2- Sakir Fahad	Sinjar	Owner	Thamin	54
3- Mirey Taleb	Elabjer	Owner	Yousef	54
4- A. El Sattar Matar	Saryah	Owner	Mikhael	52.5
5- Nahr El Soufof	Nasrah	Owner	Ahmad	52.5
6- Fawaz El Nabiley	El Shalailh	Owner	Fawaz	52.5
7- Ali Mohammad	Safa's	Owner	W. El Stalel	52.5
8- Dhary B. El Stalel	Hamdany	Owner	Mousa	48
9- Jamal M. El Zabin	M. Osmah	Owner	48	
10- Stalawy El Jamaany	El Balqa	Owner	Dalallah	46.5
11- Abbas El Adwan				

**SECOND RACE - 3.30 p.m. For third class horses Distance: 1400 metres**

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Mohammad Mitak	A. Elizz	Owner	Dalallah	53
2- Salel El Falez	M. Sakhir	Owner	Salah	51.5
3- Mohammad A. Elhady	F. Nacur	Owner	Saad	51.5
4- Mohammad Ahmad	Frajah	Owner	Mahmoud	51.5
5- Mousa El Falez	Sojood	Owner	Mousa	51.5
6- Haya Akif El Falez	Mashaleh	Owner	Mikhael	48
7- A. El Sattar Matar	D. El Mahakar	Owner	George	46.5
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**THIRD RACE - 4.00 p.m. For beginner horses Distance: 1000 metres**

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Mamdough El Hadid	Bayan	Owner	Yousef	52.5
2- Mamdough El Hadid	El Fayha	Owner	Mahmoud	52.5
3- Ghafis A. Jabir	S. Malik	Owner	Ibrahim	52.5
4- Mishrit El Baralsh	Norah	Owner	Salah	52.5
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7- Bahjat Fancus	Ghazal	Owner	Saad	48
8- Bahjat Fancus	Al Mazzah	Owner	Mikhael	46.5
9- Faisal Awad El Falez	Haya	Owner	Mousa	46.5
10- Samy Yacoub	Mahasin	Adnan	Mostafa	46.5

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1- H.H. Late Sharif Naser	Stables		Ibrahim	54
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5- Fhaid Mitak	Lazzaz	Owner	George	54
6- Hany El Hadid	Mansour	Owner	Ahmad	52.5
7- Tzaz Ghadour	Orobah	Owner	Saad	46.5
8- Faisal A. El Falez	Halimah	Owner	Mousa	46.5

**FIFTH RACE - 5.00 p.m. For third and second class horses Distance: 1400 metres**

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- H.H. Late Sharif Naser	Stables		T. El Ababl	54.5
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## World trade may expand by 5-7%

GENEVA (R) — World trade is likely to expand this year by five to seven per cent, much faster than previously expected, economists at the headquarters of GATT, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, said Wednesday.

Last May the GATT predicted a five to six per cent increase.

"The growth in world trade in 1984 can be expected to be in the range of five to seven per cent in dollar value, implying perhaps a somewhat larger increase in volume," said a GATT annual review of international commerce.

The 90-nation GATT oversees the rules governing 80 per cent of world trade. Its full annual report is to be published next month but the main economic commentary was issued Wednesday.

"The most striking feature of the current recovery has been the weak response of the world economy to the vigorous boom in the United States," the economists said in the GATT review entitled International Trade 1983/4.

The report cited reluctance to invest as partially to blame, but rejected high interest rates as the major cause.

"At least as far as the industrial countries other than the United States are concerned, this can only be a minor part of the explanation," it said.

"The United States economy, with even higher interest rates than those prevailing in Europe and Japan, has strong investment boom."

The GATT report said Western European economies "have reacted less flexibly than the United States to the economic shocks and challenges of the 1970s and early 1980s."

It said the central aim should be to strengthen the world trading system by a return "to the non-discriminatory trading system embodied in the general agreement."

The economists called for major trading nations to commit themselves to roll back protectionist measures as a way to aid international economic recovery.

They cited proposals for a new round of world trade negotiations designed to open up trade in "new areas of international economic transactions."

## IMF scrutinises world economy

WASHINGTON (R) — The beneficial effect of the vibrant U.S. recovery has far outweighed the negative impact of high American interest rates on global economic health, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said Wednesday.

IMF senior staff officials, meeting reporters in conjunction with the release of the agency's annual report, said the U.S. economy would continue strong in 1985, though there would be some reduction from this year's unexpectedly high growth.

This year's report appeared to be less openly critical about the adverse impact of the Reagan administration's economic policies on the rest of the world economy.

The IMF officials said that the stronger than expected U.S. recovery and the high dollar would boost exports from the rest of the world to the United States, helping particularly in developing countries.

However, the report warned: "The persistence of high interest rates, which began again in the early part of 1984, presented risks for the process of sustaining and broadening recovery."

This year the United States is expected to have a massive balance of payments current account deficit of around \$130 billion, the

excess of goods and services imported compared with U.S. exports to the rest of the world.

The report said this deficit "has had beneficial effects on economic recovery in other countries."

IMF economists noted that Third World countries were better able to service their debts despite an increase in global interest rates because they were selling more to the United States and other industrial countries.

But the report said: "The high level of interest rates has been a major factor complicating the task of developing countries in bringing about external adjustment and restoring the momentum of development."

As in previous annual reports, the IMF said the U.S. administration should take steps to reduce its huge budget deficits, amounting to about \$170 billion this year.

It stressed that unless conflicting demands for credit between government and private industry and commerce were min-

imised upward pressure on interest rates would be maintained.

Looking towards this year's IMF-World Bank annual meeting in Washington from Sept. 24 to 27, IMF officials said that the two-year-old global debt crisis and the world economic outlook would be at the heart of talks between finance ministers and central bankers.

They admitted there did not appear to be a need for a new allocation of the fund's unique hybrid-currency known as Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) to help to finance economic recovery.

The United States and some other industrial countries are opposed to any further SDR issue on the grounds it would reignite global inflation.

Developing countries, supported by France and some other Western European nations, want a fresh allocation of SDRs to bolster their reserves to pay for imports and service debts.

IMF officials said the global economic recovery was substantially better last year and in the early part of 1984 than had been expected in earlier estimates.

They told Reuters at the end of last month that the world economy would grow around three per cent in 1985 propelled in part by the U.S. economy, which was

likely to expand by four per cent next year, although some private forecasters regard this as too optimistic.

However, the fund said that major global problems remained. Developing countries, apart from Asia, have generally been unable to resume their growth momentum, which was severely affected by the global recession in the early 1980s.

Inflation in developing countries remained extremely high and little if any improvement was expected because of the huge price increases in Latin American countries, which on average more than doubled in 1983 compared with 1982.

The report also expressed deep concern about trade protectionist pressures, which it said should be resisted if the international trading system is to grow and thrive.

Earlier this year, the 24-nation Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development of non-Communist industrialised countries agreed not just to resist demands from industry for trade protection but to reduce existing trade barriers.

The IMF said: "It is to be hoped that the coming year will see more success in bringing these intentions to fruition than has been apparent hitherto."

## ENKA closes plant

ISTANBUL (R) — Turkish industrial and construction group ENKA Holding has closed a heavy metal production plant in Istanbul, company officials said Wednesday.

They said Elmet Elektrometal Sanayi A.S. had been losing money for the last five or six years because of obsolete technology. The closure involved the lay-off of 250 workers.

ENKA owned 80 per cent of the firm's capital, which was increased last year to one billion lira (\$2.65 million) from 332 million lira (\$787,000).

ENKA official said the plant, producing heavy cast steel parts, pressure valves and engine blocks, was hard hit by a shrinking local market and low export opportunities due to high costs stemming from its outdated technology.

## BAE profits £56.3m

LONDON (R) — British Aerospace (BAE), which builds wings for the European Airbus airliner and also makes the Harrier military jump-jet, Saturday announced a 54 per cent jump in pre-tax profits in the first half of the year.

Turnover was also up, and the company said that given stable conditions it was confident it could continue its good performance for the rest of the year.

Profit before tax was £56.3 million (\$71.5 million) compared with £36.5 million (\$46.4 million) in the same six-month period last year.

BAE, which is Britain's biggest planemaker and is 48 per cent state owned, is currently the subject of takeover rumours.

Negotiations were broken off recently with the electronics firm Thorn-EMI, while British electricals giant GEC has expressed an interest in the aerospace firm and is widely expected by stock market traders to make a takeover bid soon.

## L. American debtor states seek consensus on future strategy

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina (R) — Latin American debtor countries met Wednesday to consider future moves to ease the strain on their economies posed by the region's \$350 billion debt.

Finance and foreign ministers from the 11 countries of the so-called Cartagena Group gathered Thursday in this resort town and technical experts were Wednesday debating proposals for them to study.

Conference sources said they would concentrate on achieving a unified strategy to take to the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank in Washington later this month and on means of securing a dialogue with creditor countries.

Such a dialogue was one of the key proposals to emerge from the group's previous ministerial meeting in Cartagena last June.

Conference sources said there was little sign of the creditor countries being willing to talk, but they said there was consensus that the recent rescheduling agreement between Mexico and its commercial bank creditors marked a step forward.

"It is within the spirit of the Cartagena consensus," Chilean finance-ministry official Mr. Manuel Concha said of the agreement, which allows Mexico to spread repayment of \$48.5 billion of foreign debt over 14 years with a six year grace period and lower interest rates.

"But the problem of the debt has not been solved by the Mexican accord," said Mr. Jorge Romero, under-secretary for economic relations at the Argentine foreign ministry.

Debtor countries will still have

to disburse enormous sums in interest payments and this will continue to retard their economic development, he added.

Mr. Jorge Gurrea, Mexico's director general of public credit, said the new agreement showed what could be achieved in negotiations with the banks, but left aside the question of the impact which the economic policies of industrialised countries had on interest rates.

Brazilian foreign ministry official Mr. Abdenur Mello Da Cunha said there was agreement on the need to get talks started with creditor countries even if initially they were at a low level.

Calling for a collective international solution to protect the banking system by preventing insolvency, the experts urged cre-

ditor countries to help debtors, by guarantees or other means, to raise the funds to meet interest they owed.

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## Commonwealth experts seek debt relief for poorest states

LONDON (R) — A group of Commonwealth experts called Wednesday for urgent measures to relieve the debt burden of the poorest countries, especially those in sub-Saharan Africa.

The economists, surveying what they called "a fast-moving and deteriorating" global debt crisis, said there remained a danger that interest would not be paid on the existing debts of major developing country borrowers.

"The present situation is not sustainable. The world's financial safety is balanced on a knife-edge," they said in a report to be discussed by Commonwealth finance ministers next week in Toronto, Canada.

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utions for the poorest nations, the experts urged industrialised countries to boost development aid and grant longer maturities and grace periods on official debts.

The study said the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank should play a much more active role in resolving the debt problem, and called for revision of their mandate to deal with long-term economic adjustment.

Echoing demands by developing countries' pressure groups, it said IMF and World Bank resources should be boosted and called for an increase in World Bank programme lending to countries with balance of payments problems.

It urged rich nations to roll back protectionist measures in agriculture, textiles and steel.

## Foreign currency deposits pile up in Turkish banks

ISTANBUL (R) — Foreign currency is piling up in Turkish banks for the first time in almost a decade as the country increases overseas earnings, bankers said Wednesday.

They said foreign currency is flowing into the banks because of export earnings which topped \$4 billion in the first seven months of this year compared with \$3 billion in the same period in 1983. Tour-

ism revenues and workers' remittances from abroad are also up.

However, Turkey's central bank last week showed reluctance to exchange foreign currency for Turkish lira by cutting its buying rates for foreign exchange by up to two per cent.

Banks are thus finding it increasingly difficult to convert foreign currency earnings of Turkish exporters into lira.

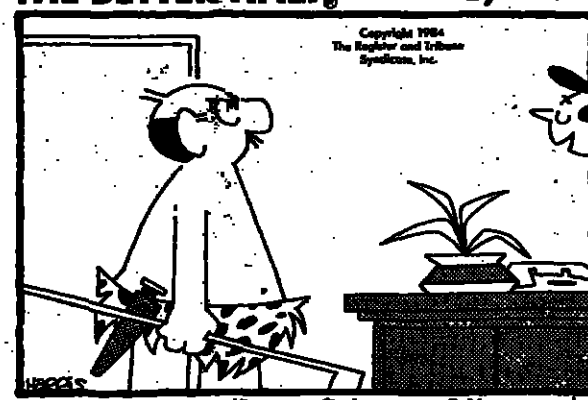
Bankers said that if the central bank exchanged too much foreign currency it would risk bloating money supply, endangering the tight money policy which it hopes will bring down the country's 50 per cent annual inflation rate.

But while foreign currency deposits at banks are plentiful, Turkish lira bank deposits are in short supply.

### CORRECTION

In an article reprinted from Middle East Economic Digest (MEED) and published in the Jordan Times yesterday, it was erroneously reported that former Jordanian Army Chief of Staff and Ambassador in Washington Abdul Hadi Majali is a partner in United Trading Company (UTC). The UTC partner is actually Abdul Hal Al Majali, a prominent Jordanian businessman, and not Mr. Abdul Hadi Al Majali, as mentioned in the article.

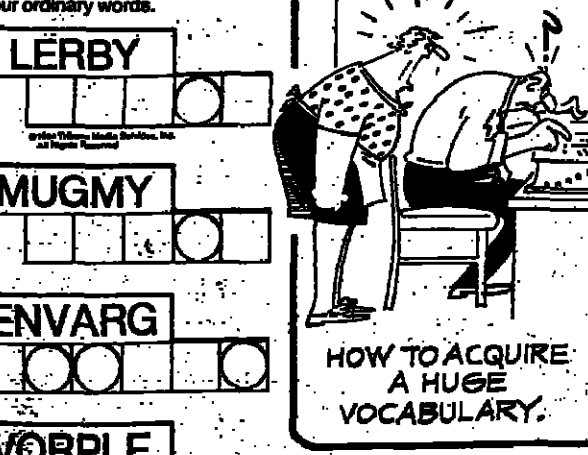
### THE BETTER HALF. By Harris



"Like the new getting outfit I got you? You spend so much time in the bushes, it seemed appropriate!"

### JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

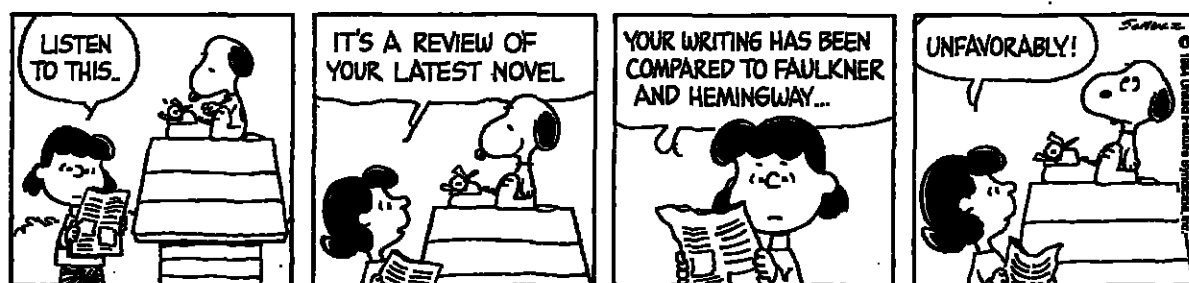


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

First answer here: (Answers tomorrow)

FUZZY SKULK FEDORA PETITE  
Answer: He said he would love her for this — THE REST OF HIS "DAZE"

### Peanuts



### Mutt 'n' Jeff



### Andy Capp



### FORECAST FOR FRIDAY SEPT. 14, 1984

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This is a day when you have the opportunity to accomplish a great deal by being very practical in your approach, but you may find some delays from some unfinished conditions.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Get busy making collections and paying pressing bills so that you can later carry through with interests you are working on.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Get out to barber or beauty shop early and improve your appearance. Tone up your health as well.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Get busy early at handling your responsibilities and get much done, especially those of a confidential nature.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Be practical and you can accomplish a great deal today. Contact good friends who can give you assistance.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Get busy on career work and forget all that daydreaming and be most precise and efficient. Take no risks in motion of any kind.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Get into some new enterprise and forget whatever has proven disappointing in the past. If a trip is necessary, plan to take it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Try to set up a more practical system of bookkeeping that will be easier to handle in the future. Be happier.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Important that you discuss matters with partners seriously and break that stalemate situation you are in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be more proficient at your general work and you get fine results and cooperate more with co-workers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Put a sum away for entertainments regularly so that you need not have to worry about it when the time comes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Problematical affairs may arise at home which need your full attention to solve them quickly and well.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Early handle correspondence and important communications; then look into more advanced matters.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she should have a good environment to grow up in since the ambition is great and only needs a good start in order to grow and become very successful. One who is very much business-minded and will deliberate at length only when some very important decision has to be made.

"The Stars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

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# Reagan hopes Gromyko talks will ease superpower tension

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan hopes that his meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko will ease U.S.-Soviet hostility and help pave the way for renewed talks on controlling nuclear arms.

Mr. Reagan announced the Sept. 28 talks Tuesday eight months after he signalled a new willingness to engage in a dialogue with Moscow and moderated his tough anti-Soviet rhetoric.

It will be Mr. Reagan's first meeting with a senior Soviet official since he came into office in January, 1981, and Mr. Gromyko's first meeting with a U.S. President since he had talks with Jimmy Carter in 1978.

The White House session will be closely watched for atmosphere rather than concrete results. Mr. Reagan, who is seeking reelection on Nov. 6, is eager to counter Democratic charges that he is unable to talk with the Soviets.

Mr. Gromyko, believed to be the Kremlin's leading hardliner, is to meet Secretary of State George Shultz two days earlier in New York where they will be attending the United Nations General As-

sembly. The two men last met at the European Security Conference in Stockholm in January when Mr. Gromyko said he hoped they would contribute to the goal of finding ways to reduce the world level of nuclear arms.

He made clear there was no expectation of specific agreements but rather a hope of establishing a better atmosphere between the superpowers.

"I think maybe the time has come that anything that can perhaps get a better understanding between our two governments maybe should precede any resumption of dealings on specifics, if there can be an easing of any suspicion or hostility," he told reporters.

The announcement of the meeting was welcomed by NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) Secretary-General Lord Carrington.

Lord Carrington told reporters after meeting Mr. Reagan: "I think everybody in the Western alliance will think that it is a continuation of the policy which President Reagan has made clear over these last months and will welcome it."

President Reagan Wednesday appeared in a commanding position in the U.S. election race after coming up with a "September surprise" — his first meeting with a Soviet leader.

Mr. Reagan's announcement that he would hold talks with Mr. Gromyko took the edge off Democratic challenger Walter Mondale's charge that he refused to sit down with Soviet leaders.

It also distracted attention from a major Mondale offensive on the economy just as it was gathering steam.

Mr. Mondale said he thought the president's move to break the ice which had formed over U.S. diplomacy with Moscow since he came to office in 1981 was "pretty pathetic ... taking place in the middle of an election campaign."

Mr. Mondale aides were deeply worried that the Sept. 28 meeting in the White House, less than six

weeks before Americans vote, would defuse some of their best campaign ammunition.

"My initial reaction is that it works in Reagan's favour," a top Democratic official told Reuters. Mr. Mondale, trailing by margins of up to 27 per cent in opinion polls, has been hammering Mr. Reagan for being the first U.S. president in half a century not to meet Soviet leaders and for being more interested in confrontation than conciliation.

Mr. Reagan, utilising the power of office, also announced Tuesday that he would sell the Soviet Union an extra 10 million tonnes of grain in 1984-85. Apart from its implications for superpower relations that will delight farm-belt voters.

U.S. political analysts, studying the rift between arch anti-Communist Reagan and the Kremlin leadership, have speculated on the possibility of the Soviet Union springing an "October surprise" on the campaign — an adventure in a world trouble spot designed to harm Mr. Reagan's reelection chances.

The Gromyko meeting appeared to forestall such a manoeuvre.

## Pope urges teenagers to keep off drugs, sex

MONTREAL (R) — Pope John Paul has urged Canadian teenagers to keep away from drugs, alcohol and pre-marital sex.

He told a youth rally attended by 65,000 people: "Have the courage to resist the dealers in deception who make capital of your hunger for happiness and who make you pay dearly for a moment of 'artificial paradise' — a whiff of smoke, a bout of drinking or drugs."

"What claims to be a shortcut to happiness leads nowhere," he told the rally at Montreal's Olympic Stadium, where 2,000 dancers staged an elaborate musical entertainment portraying the struggle between good and evil.

Thanking youngsters from broken homes who had written to him, he said: "You have been wounded to the point of sometimes doubting whether a faithful and lasting love is possible."

He said fidelity in marriage was the answer and warned: "Do not confuse a premature experience of pleasure with the giving of oneself in love forever and forever."

His speech followed an open-air morning mass attended by

325,000 people.

It was the biggest crowd so far in the Pope's 12-day Canadian tour which started last Sunday. At the mass, he beatified a nun who founded an order devoted to serving priests in domestic and secretarial work.

About 100 women staged a demonstration in a Montreal Park Tuesday, protesting against the church's stand against birth control and divorce.

But the cause of women in the church has been furthered in one way on this visit — lay women have helped to serve communion at the Pope's masses.

The pontiff received a tumultuous welcome at Tuesday night's rally. Youngsters chanted "Long live the Pope" waved white scarves and drummed their feet in unison.

In the modern stadium, white-robed dancers formed the silhouette of a dove of peace.

In a country where one in nine people is jobless, the Pope told youngsters: "Do not allow the difficulties to destroy the resilience of your own personality. Take your future in your hands."

## S. Africa bans meetings following black unrest

JOHANNESBURG (R) — A total government ban on protest meetings through a wide area of South Africa came into force Wednesday following two weeks of violent unrest in black townships in which about 40 people have died.

The comprehensive ban is one of the severest such measures in recent years. It covers Johannesburg, Pretoria, parts of Natal province and the Sharpeville township areas, where rioting has been the most fierce.

The new measure, which is effective until the end of the month, was announced by Law and Order Minister Louis Le Grange who said it was "expedient for the maintenance of public peace."

Among the meetings outlawed by the ban were a number planned to mark the seventh anniversary Wednesday of the death of black consciousness leader Steve Biko in controversial circumstances in police custody.

His death led to an international outcry at South Africa's treatment of dissident leaders.

Veteran parliamentary opposition figure Helen Suzman described the ban as the far-reaching of all prohibitions falling short of a full state of emergency.

She could not recall such a drastic clampdown since 1960 when a state of emergency was declared after police shot dead 69 blacks.

The ban follows a new period of political upheaval in South Africa with protests over black housing, education and the introduction of a new constitution which gives Indians and coloureds (mixed race) a minority voice but continues to exclude the black majority.

## U.S.-Cuba talks continue

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is continuing talks with Cuba about an arrangement to repatriate undesirable who came to the United States during a mass exodus from the island in 1980.

The plan also calls for the United States to absorb Cuban political prisoners, the State Department told Congress on Tuesday.

During a hearing of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, Ambassador Eugene Douglas, State Department coordinator for refugee affairs, gave no details of the talks between the

two governments.

A committee member, Congressman Henry Hyde, objected to the U.S. policy of linking U.S. acceptance of political prisoners to the return to Cuba of about 1,000 criminals and mental patients normally ineligible to enter the United States who were included in the 150,000 who came on the Mariel boatlift of 1980.

"Isn't that kind of dumb?" Mr. Hyde asked. "We should welcome to our shores people who have fought Communism and (President Fidel) Castro. He is not going to take back his psychopaths and criminals. How do you punish Castro by doing that?"

## Improved weather may help nuclear salvage team

OSTEND (R) — Improving weather Wednesday may help efforts to retrieve 30 containers of nuclear material from the broken wreckage of the French freighter Mont Louis, a pilot station official said.

Heavy seas and gales Tuesday stopped experts getting near to

which the 15-tonne drums out of the vessels and more moderate winds Wednesday may give divers their first opportunity to inspect the cargo.

The Mont Louis, which sank after a collision with a West German ferry 10 miles off Ostend on Aug. 25, split in two in storm.

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN  
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### ANSWERS TO BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠KJ1063 ♥5 ♦QJ9 ♠AJ63  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
5 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—Had partner wanted to know how many aces you have, he could have employed Blackwood. Therefore, he must be interested in something else, and logically it can only be the quality of your trumps. You are certainly more than adequate in that department, so we would go on to six spades.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠A106 ♥KJ53 ♦A985 ♠72  
Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond?

A.—Sometimes you have to stretch a little to jump to two no trump, but that is not the case here. Your hand is suit oriented because most of your points are prime. However, that does not mean that you should respond one heart. Bid your hand naturally. Respond one diamond. If partner has four hearts, he can introduce the suit; if not, you can jump in no trump at your next turn.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠AKJ1054 ♥9 ♦AK95 ♠Q6  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ 2 ♥ Pass Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—You have a very good hand, but to show it with a jump in spades is too unilateral. Double is more flexible. For all you know, partner might have a heart stack and be able to convert to penalties for your best result. If he responds in clubs, you can then rebid your spades.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠95 ♥AKQ63 ♦A87 ♠KJ4  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♥ Pass 3 ♥ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Your hand rates one move toward slam. Since you will not get the information you need by asking for aces, the obvious course to adopt is a cue-bidding sequence. Bid four diamonds. However, if partner simply rebids four hearts, throw in the towel.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠98732 ♥Q6 ♦86 ♠AKJ9  
The bidding has proceeded:  
West North East South  
1 ♥ 1 ♥ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—Partner may, or may not, have significant support for one of your black suits, but any effort to probe for an alternative contract courts disaster. For example, if you bid one spade partner might pass with a singleton, fearing a misfit. Your hand is worth some action, and the recommended move is a raise to two hearts. A doubleton honor is adequate support for a suit in which partner has overcalled.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠QJ8 ♥AKQ9873 ♠A92  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Your superb hand has just become even better. As little as five spades to the king and the king of clubs in partner's hand will give you an excellent play for six hearts, and even a grand slam could be laydown on minimal values. You can appreciate partner of this by jump shifting to three clubs.

## Indian state assembly members disrupt session

HYDERABAD, India (R) — Police had to restrain rival parliamentarians in the Andhra Pradesh State Assembly Wednesday when a crucial vote on support for a bitter foe of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was again adjourned.

Police told Reuters a youth was stabbed and killed Wednesday in Hyderabad. Two more people injured in clashes Tuesday died in hospital, raising the death toll to at least 21 in the past four days.

The latest communal killing was an isolated incident, police said, without giving details. About 150 people have been injured in the communal street battles.

Witnesses said proceedings at the assembly were disrupted 15 minutes after it met as rival politicians left their seats, shouting accusations at one another.

Assembly Speaker Baga Reddy adjourned the session for a few minutes, but when it met again plainclothes police had to restrain angry members in the chamber, the witnesses said.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported that a guard intervened to take away part of a desk held by one assemblyman.

Mr. Reddy then adjourned the assembly until Thursday and a confidence motion on Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Bhaskara Rao and his administration was not debated.

Outside the assembly hall a foreign television crew's camera was broken in a scuffle with police, witnesses said.

PTI said an object was thrown into the centre of the assembly chamber during the meeting and it was taken out by explosives experts for investigation. The agency gave no other details.

A fire broke out during Tuesday's assembly session which was also cut short, but the blaze was quickly extinguished without causing injuries.

Mr. Bhaskara Rao's political foe and predecessor N.T. Rama Rao has been trying to state a political comeback by demonstrating in the assembly that he still controls a majority of members.

The delay in debating the confidence motion marked a further setback in the plans of the former film star to overturn his dismissal as chief minister last month after charges that he had lost his majority.

## Hurricane Diana heads towards U.S. east coast

MYRTLE BEACH, South Carolina (R) — Hurricane Diana Wednesday menaced North Carolina after developing from a tropical storm into the biggest hurricane to threaten the U.S. eastern seaboard for nearly 25 years.

Just two days ago Diana was a 95 kilometres per hour (kph) tropical storm but Wednesday, with its winds whipped up to more than 210 kph it was pushing floodwaters up to four metres above normal into low-lying areas of south-eastern North Carolina.

It was a serious threat to the 44,000 inhabitants of Wilmington, North Carolina, although at 2 a.m. (0600 GMT) it was on a course that would take its eye slightly east of the city to a landfall near the sprawling U.S. Marine base of Fort Lejeune. Its forward movement was slow, about eight kph, meaning it could easily "wobble" one way or the other, according to forecasters at the National Hurricane Centre in Miami.

Centre Director Neil Frank said Diana was the first major hurricane to threaten the eastern part of the United States for a quarter of a century.

The last was Donna, which battered north Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas in September 1960, killing 50 people and causing \$400 million in damage, according to records kept by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Wilmington officials said that up until midnight damage caused by the leading edge of the hurricane was only minor, mostly fallen trees and power lines.

A Carolina power and light company spokesman said about 9,000 consumers had lost their electricity supplies.

Many of the outages, however, were on islands evacuated earlier Tuesday and no attempt would be made to restore power there until after the storm had passed, he said.

Thousands of island residents and holidaymakers abandoned homes, hotels and holiday apartments to take refuge in mainland schools and church halls.

Wilmington Police Chief Darryl Bruestle said the evacuation was orderly and the only problems his officers had during the afternoon and evening were "minor traffic accidents."

## Greece rejects Turkish accusations over exercises

ATHENS (R) — Greece Tuesday rejected as unacceptable and provocative a Turkish statement that Greece had no right to include the Greek island of Lemnos in national military exercises.

A statement by the Foreign Ministry here said the Ankara statement was indicative of Turkey's expansionist intentions.

Earlier Tuesday, Turkey accused Greece of planning military manoeuvres on Lemnos which Ankara says should be demilitarised.

Turkish Foreign Ministry Spokesman Yalim Eratp said plans by Greece to include Lemnos in the "Storm 84" exercise were in vio-

lation of international law and Turkey would lodge a protest with the Greek government.

Lemnos lies close to the Turkish Anatolian coast and Turkey claims that international treaties forbid its militarisation.

The Greek Foreign Ministry said: "The Ankara statement is provocative ... Lemnos will be included in all national manoeuvres."

It expressed the hope that Ankara will not make any demarche "because the only demarche the Greek government could possibly give is that we are not threatening anyone, but we do not intend to concede an inch of Greek land, sea or air space," the statement added.

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### Drug charges against Vaccaro dropped

LOS ANGELES (R) — Prosecutors decided Tuesday to drop a cocaine possession charge against Actress Brenda Vaccaro. Ms. Vaccaro, 44, nominated for an Oscar for her role in the film "Once Is Not Enough," was arrested last month after police said they found a quarter of a gramme of cocaine in her Los Angeles home. She was released on bail of \$2,500. "After an investigation by police it was decided there was insufficient evidence that the cocaine found in the home belonged to Vaccaro," said Al Argente, a spokesman for the District Attorney's office. Ms. Vaccaro's films include "Midnight Cowboy," "I Love My Wife" and "Going Home."

### British sex doctor gets 4 years

LOS ANGELES (R) — London sex rejuvenation expert Dr. Brian Richards was sentenced by a Los Angeles court Tuesday to four years in jail for soliciting the murder of a British colleague. Los Angeles superior courtroom Judge Laurence Rittenband sentenced him to four years on each of two counts of soliciting the murder of Dr. Peter Stephan, the terms to run concurrently. The prosecution never alleged a murder attempt was made and Richards denied the charges.

### Soviet defector missing

LONDON (R) — A Soviet journalist granted political asylum in Britain in January has gone missing from his "safe house". British officials said Tuesday. Oleg Blov, 51, former foreign culture editor of the Soviet Literary Gazette, was last seen by friends in mid-August. The Home Office, which is responsible for immigration and law and order, told Reuters it was making inquiries about his whereabouts and the police had been informed. A spokesman said: "There is no evidence to suggest that he has gone anywhere under duress." "His current whereabouts are not known to us. He is a free man, however, and his movements are not restricted," he added.

### Ming bowl sold to antique shop

PEKING (R) — A priceless Ming Dynasty porcelain bowl was recently sold to a Peking antique shop by an old woman who had been using it to feed her chickens. The China Daily reported. The "sprinkled blue glaze" piece of porcelain was produced at the famous Jingdezhen Kilns during the reign of the Ming Emperor Xuande (1426-1435) and is the only one of its kind known to exist in China. The newspaper said. The aged chicken lady said it was a really tough item which never broke when it was dropped on the ground.

### Robot makes public debut on organ

TOKYO (R) — A Japanese robot that can read a musical score then play the tune made its public debut Wednesday on an electronic organ. With fingers darting over the notes and a foot stomping a floor pedal, the 189-cm robot was applauded for a rendering of the Japanese pop song "Glass Apple." Built by students at Tokyo's Waseda University at a cost of 300 million yen (\$1.2 million), the robot reads the score through a sensor in its only eye. "It can take in a full page of music in 30 seconds," chief designer Professor Ichiro Kato told reporters. It can talk, too, asking at the end of a song if it should carry on playing. If told "no" the robot replies with a polite "sayonara" (goodbye).

## THE WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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### BODY LANGUAGE

By Dorothea E. Shipp

ACROSS  
1 Money in  
2 Sewing  
3 Gaze intently  
4 Destructive  
5 Secreted  
6 Rubbed places  
7 Apartment's  
8 Product  
9 Rocker's upper-  
stage  
10 Crude metal  
11 Humble crescent  
12 Tennis shot  
13 Wipes out  
14 Sp. stand  
15 Lie — Italia  
16 Writer Father  
17 Dole out  
18 — Air  
19 Scatter water  
20 Legal right  
21 County in FL  
22 Lucille Ball  
feature

DOWN  
1 Came down in  
2 Printing  
3 mistakes  
4 Bone prot.  
5 "Ain't"  
6 Horn blower  
7 One against  
8 Wobbling  
9 Insect  
10 Last money  
11 Hoax  
12 Cut leaders  
13 Dole out  
14 Nursing dance  
15 Stand proud

16 Stand proud

17 Eternity  
18 Argue  
19 Stanch  
20 White House  
monogram  
21 Memo  
22 Legend  
23 Learned  
24 God of love  
25 Past  
26 Suffering  
27 Jewel  
28 Get ready for  
29 Insect  
30 Emerge  
31 Rings of color  
32 Hens — (in  
meddlesome)  
33 Digit  
34 Gnu II —  
35 Meets

36 Control

37 Nelson  
38 Golf tourna-  
ment  
39 After beat  
40 Bed  
41 Kidnap  
42 Sweets and  
Tahiti  
43 Retaliation  
44 Comic's prop  
45 Take on  
46 Relative of  
the canary  
47 Forming a ring  
48 With a terrific  
comic, hence  
49 Cronies  
50 Gaunt  
51 Seed carriers  
52 Delightful the  
author

53 Nelson

54 Rolfs  
55 Image prof.  
56 Hedgepodge  
57 — Pyrene  
58 Clothes  
59 Salt dispenser  
60 Serviceable  
61 Max. load  
62 Alter  
63 — nails  
(tooth)  
64 Mosquito scissor  
65 Trial meac. abbr.  
66 Low  
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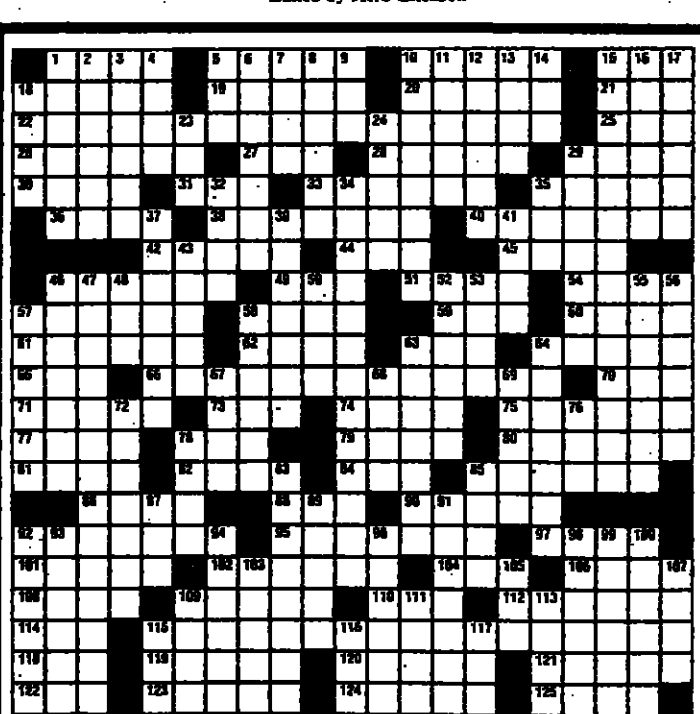
### CRYPTOGRAMS

By Martha P. Gerner

1. XTBE KEX UNPK PCAXVPLKLSCP AXVPS  
PFSCUO WXX N MLHM SCK SQ QLEOLBW N  
QSCV-UNXQ HUSTXV.  
2. XPH RE OUCH XEOSC EAZSC IFETS  
MCIOAENZULBS, CEZ RMNULBS TFEST?  
3. LIZARDSERZTHESE PREITMA: LONFA  
PRDREIOME PMITTAP SIHZE RM DES?  
4. PLSG PXGWSW TOT AXOBWGD SMARTS ARDM  
GXT, VSBT PRM ZG DLS PRV.

By Norton Rhoades

By Maure Marrow



### Last Week's Cryptograms

1. Baby tot in tattu tripped on tiny toes at ballet class recital as Mona and Dud  
clapped.  
2. Wealthy old poultry farmer gave his big pampered fowl everything — even  
toothbrushes!  
3. Wise owl spots old cow chewing up gal's new red hat, hurries to help.  
4. A lit cigar left undoused could cause a tragic inferno.

By Martha P. Gerner

By Comic Romena

By Norton Rhoades

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